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Re: U.S. Utility Patent Application
Application No. 09/856,561; Filed: December 5, 2001
For: ***Thlaspi caerulescens* Subspecies for Cadmium and Zinc Recovery**
Inventors: **LI et al.**
Our Ref: 1797.0160001/RWE/CJW

Sir:

Transmitted herewith for appropriate action are the following documents:

1. Fee Transmittal (PTO/SB/17);
2. Petition for Extension of Time Under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a)(1);
3. Amendment and Reply Under 37 C.F.R. § 1.116 with attached Exhibit A;
4. Notice of Appeal From the Examiner to the Board of Patent Appeals and Interferences - Large Entity;
5. Credit Card Payment Form in the amount of \$1,280.00 to cover:
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1003	2003	530	265	Plant filing fee	
1004	2004	770	385	Reissue filing fee	
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1812	1812	2,520	2,520	For filing a request for ex parte reexamination	
1804	1804	920*	920*	Requesting publication of SIR prior to Examiner action	
1805	1805	1,840*	1,840*	Requesting publication of SIR after Examiner action	
1251	2251	110	55	Extension for reply within first month	
1252	2252	420	210	Extension for reply within second month	
1253	2253	950	475	Extension for reply within third month	950
1254	2254	1,480	740	Extension for reply within fourth month	
1255	2255	2,010	1,005	Extension for reply within fifth month	
1401	2401	330	165	Notice of Appeal	330
1402	2402	330	165	Filing a brief in support of an appeal	
1403	2403	290	145	Request for oral hearing	
1451	1451	1,510	1,510	Petition to institute a public use proceeding	
1452	2452	110	55	Petition to revive - unavoidable	
1453	2453	1,330	665	Petition to revive - unintentional	
1501	2501	1,330	665	Utility issue fee (or reissue)	
1502	2502	480	240	Design issue fee	
1503	2503	640	320	Plant issue fee	
1460	1460	130	130	Petitions to the Commissioner	
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1810	2810	770	385	For each additional invention to be examined (37 CFR 1.129(b))	
1801	2801	770	385	Request for Continued Examination (RCE)	
1802	1802	900	900	Request for expedited examination of a design application	

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